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H. R. 2712

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the percentage of the national rate payable for inpatient hospitals services applicable to hospitals located in Puerto Rico to 100 percent.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 4, 1999

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. MCCRERY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the percentage of the national rate payable for inpatient hospitals services applicable to hospitals located in Puerto Rico to 100 percent.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Medicare Puerto Rico Hospital Payment Parity Act of 1999".

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN BASE PAYMENT AMOUNTS TO PUERTO**
2 **RICO HOSPITALS.**

3 Section 1886(d)(9) of the Social Security Act (42
4 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(9)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A)(i), to read as follows:
6 "(i) for discharges beginning on or after Octo-
7 ber 1, 2000, the Puerto Rico percentage (as defined
8 in subparagraph (E)) (and for discharges occurring
9 on or after October 1, 1997, and before October 1,
10 2000, 50 percent) of the Puerto Rico adjusted DRG
11 prospective payment rate (determined under sub-
12 paragraph (B) or (C)) for such discharges, and";

13 (2) in subparagraph (A)(ii) in the matter pre-
14 ceding subclause (I) to read as follows:
15 "(ii) for discharges beginning in a fiscal year
16 beginning on or after October 1, 2000, the national
17 percentage (as defined in subparagraph (E)) (and
18 for discharges occurring on or after October 1,
19 1997, and before October 1, 2000, 50 percent) of
20 the discharge-weighted average of—"; and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 paragraph:

23 "(E) For purposes of this subparagraph (A), for dis-
24 charges beginning—

"(i) on or after October 1, 2000, and before October 1, 2001, the 'Puerto Rico percentage' is 30 percent and the 'national percentage' is 70 percent;

"(ii) on or after October 1, 2001, and before October 1, 2002, the 'Puerto Rico percentage' is 15 percent and the 'national percentage' is 85 percent; and

"(iii) on or after October 1, 2002, the 'Puerto Rico percentage' is 0 percent and the 'national percentage' is 100 percent.".

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